



# 417th Base Support Battalion *Commander's Policy*

Policy Number: 10-6

Proponent: AETV-WG-WP

Date: 18 August 2003

SUBJECT: Excessive Music from Vehicles

## 1. REFERENCES:

- a. USAREUR Regulation 190-1, 29 Jul 03, Registering and Operating Privately Owned Motor Vehicles in Germany.
- b. USAREUR Regulation 600-1, 13 Jul 99, Regulated Activities of Members of the U.S. Forces, Civilian Component, and Family Members.
- c. AR 190-5, 8 Jul 88, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision.
- d. German Road Traffic Ordinance.

2. **PURPOSE:** To prohibit the playing of excessively loud music from vehicles.

3. **SCOPE:** Applies to all military personnel, family members, guests, and German nationals traveling in the 417th BSB military community.

## 4. POLICY:

a. The playing of loud music in either a moving or parked automobile is forbidden on or off installations. Loud music is not only dangerous to the occupant(s) of the vehicle, but also an annoyance to members of the community.

b. Under the German Road Traffic Ordinance, paragraph 23, playing of music from an automobile, which impairs the driver from hearing emergency vehicles, is prohibited. USAREUR Regulation 190-1, paragraph 4-1, states that licensed drivers will comply with German traffic laws and regulations when operating a privately owned vehicle (POV) in Germany.

c. In accordance with USAREUR Reg. 600-1, section VII, personnel will not operate a radio, tape player, cassette player, or a similar device in a public or military place, or any form of transportation in a manner that produces excessive noise. Excessive noise is sound louder than needed by an operator of normal hearing. Local commanders may further restrict operation of these devices.

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d. Violations of this policy can result in the issuance of a DD Form 1408 (US Armed Forces Traffic Ticket) with an assessment of three traffic points against the violator's driver's license, UCMJ action, and/or a 30.00 Euro fine by the German Police.

e. For the purpose of this policy, music is considered loud and excessive if it can be heard more than 50 feet away.

**5. PROPONENT:** 417<sup>th</sup> BSB, Provost Marshal's Office, DSN 355-8952.

  
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